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RESPONSE TO MISSING REQUIREMENTS **UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

SIR:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (mailed December 13, 2000), Applicants submit herewith a fully executed Declaration, in order to complete the filing requirements for the U.S. national phase of the above-identified PCT application. The application filed in the Patent Office is the application which the inventor executed by signing the Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.

Applicants hereby request a five-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of December 13, 2000, which set a one-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on June 13, 2001. Please charge the \$1,890.00 extension fee to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600.

The Office is authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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